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SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY FOR
DEVELOPMENT: ECE REGIONAL MEETING

1. SPANISH MISSION OFFICER ALVAREZ DE TOLEDO, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ECE AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT REGIONAL MEETING, HAS RAISED WITH MISSION OFFICER CONCERN OVER WAY BUCHAREST REGIONAL MEETING MAY TURN OUT. TOLEDO REPORTS THAT THE ROMANIANS ARE VERY UNHAPPY WITH DRAFT REGIONAL PAPER PREPARED BY ECE SECRETARIAT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT NORTH-SOUTH DIMENSION TO IT. YUGOSLAVIA, MALTA, AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT SPAIN, ALSO SHARE THIS DISAPPOINTMENT. TOLEDO NOTES PAPER WAS PREPARED BY TWO CONSULTANTS, ONE FROM THE EAST AND ONE FROM THE WEST, WHO COULDN'T AGREE, AND PAPER HAD TO BE REDRAFTED BY SECRETARIAT.

2. TOLEDO EXPECTS ROMANIA AT REGIONAL MEETING TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE PAPER WRITTEN TO REFLECT G-77 POSITIONS. AS THIS WILL BE UNACCEPTABLE TO BOTH EAST AND WEST, TOLEDO
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IS AFRAID THAT MEETING COULD END IN FAILURE (I.E., NOT AGREE ON REGIONAL PAPER. TO AVOID THIS POSSIBILITY, TOLEDO INTENDS TO PROPOSE THAT A WORKING GROUP START ON THE 2ND DAY OF THE MEETING TO REVISE DRAFT. HE WOULD HOPE THAT WEST COULD SUCCEED IN DRAFTING A PAPER WHICH IS SHORT, BROAD AND NONCOMMITTAL, BUT MORE IN LINE WITH NORTH-SOUTH ORIENTATION OF CONFERENCE. TOLEDO WOULD ALSO

LIKE MEETING TO AGREE THAT THE PAPER IS PROVISIONAL SO THAT ECE COUNTRIES COULD REVIEW IT IN LIGHT OF THE RESULTS OF OTHER REGIONAL MEETINGS.

3. TOLEDO ALSO EXPRESSED FEAR THAT IF MEETING IS FAILURE EASTERN COUNTRIES COULD MAKE THE ARGUMENT AT OTHER REGIONAL MEETINGS THAT THE WESTERN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE NOT COOPERATIVE AND POINT TO FACT THAT MANY OF THEIR NATIONAL PAPERS CLAIM EXISTENCE OF PRIVATE SECTOR LIMITS THEIR INITIATIVE IN TECHNOLOGY FIELD. HE ALSO IS CONCERNED THAT THE EAST WILL TRY TO INSERT IN PAPER SOME OF THEIR OWN PET IDEAS ON EAST-WEST COOPERATION IN THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FIELD AND AS THERE WILL NOT BE MANY WESTERN DELEGATES AT MEETING WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH EAST-WEST DYNAMICS IN ECE CONTEXT. THIS ATTEMPT COULD SUCCEED.

4. RECOMMEND U.S. DEL CONTACT TOLEDO EARLY DURING REGIONAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PROBLEM.

5. ECE SECRETARIAT HAS SUGGESTED THAT USDEL TO BUCHAREST MEETING IN ABSENCE OF U.S. PAPER MAY WANT TO CIRCULATE PAPER PREPARED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON "U.S. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT: A CONTRIBUTION TO 1979 U.N. CONFERENCE" AND, IF SO, DELEGATION SHOULD TAKE 35 COPIES TO MEETING.SORENSEN

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